

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An improved ~~type~~ tape rule housing structure, comprises a housing, provided at its front end with an exit for said ~~type~~ tape rule; and with a braking block near its top end, and is characterized in that it comprises further:

a slip-resistant pad, provided over the periphery of said housing and extending from the upper edge of the front side of said housing toward the upper side and edges of left and right sides and further around the rear side to enclose the ~~type~~ tape rule at the middle of the lower side such that the upper and rear sides can be enclosed completely, while only the rear end of the lower side of said housing is enclosed; and wherein said slip-resistant pad is protruded over each side of said housing to achieve a damping effect.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An improved ~~type~~ tape rule housing structure as recited in claim 1, wherein several recessed portions are further provided regularly at the lower side of said housing such that a slip-resistant protruding portion is formed correspondingly to facilitate gripping thereon.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An improved ~~type~~ tape rule housing structure as recited in claim 1, wherein a locating block is further provided by extending from the junction of said lower side and the rear side of said housing in a manner that said locating block can be gripped by the finger of a user.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An improved ~~type~~ tape rule housing structure as recited in claim 1, wherein said slip-resistant pad together with said housing can be provided with different colors to enhance the aesthetic feeling of the entire housing.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An improved ~~type~~ tape rule housing structure as recited in claim 1, wherein said slip-resistant pad is made of a rubber material.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An improved ~~type~~ tape rule housing structure as recited in claim 1, wherein said slip-resistant pad is formed integrally with said housing through injection molding.

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